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SUBJECT: SOVIETS CONCLUDE NEW AID AGREEMENT WITH DRV

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1. PRAVDA (DECEMBER 9) ANNOUNCED THE CONCLUSION OF SOVIET-VIETNAMESE ECONOMIC TALKS AND SIGNATURE OF A NEW SOVIET-VIETNAMESE AID AGREEMENT (REFTEL). THE REPORT MAKES NO
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REFERENCE TO MILITARY AID OR EQUIPMENT.

2. THE TASS REPORT SAYS THE NEW AGREEMENT CALLS FOR THE SOVIETS TO SUPPLY EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS, PARTICULARLY TO ASSIST IN CONSTRUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS AND IN CONDUCTING "GEOLOGICAL EXPLORATION WORK". ROAD BUILDING EQUIPMENT, TRUCKS, INGOTS OF FERROUS AND NON-FERROUS METALS, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS ARE LISTED AMONG THE GOODS THE SOVIETS WILL PROVIDE.

3. ACCORDING TO THE TASS STORY, THE NEW AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY FOREIGN MINISTER TRINH AND SOVIET DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NOVIKOV FOLLOWING TALKS CHARACTERIZED AS HAVING TAKEN PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF "COMRADELY CORDIALITY AND COMPLETE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING." TASS ALSO REPORTS THAT NOVIKOV GAVE A LUNCHEON FOR TRINH AT WHICH SPEECHES WERE EXCHANGED, BUT THE ARTICLE GIVES NO GIST OF THEM.

4. COMMENT: PRAVDA'S EARLIER REPORT ON THE TALKS WITH THE VIETNAMESE INDICATED THAT THE CURRENT AGREEMENT IS TO COVER SOVIET AID DURING 1975. THE LIST OF MATERIALS MENTIONED IN THE AGREEMENT APPEARS UNDISTINGUISHED EXCEPT FOR THE REFERENCE TO GEOLOGIC EXPLORATION, WHICH WE ASSUME INDICATES AN EFFORT TO INCREASE THE DRV'S OIL EXPLORATION CAPABILITY.
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